

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of accessing a writing surface of a mobile station comprising:
2 establishing a call involving the mobile station; and
3 providing at least a portion of a screen of the mobile station in a writing-surface mode in
4 response to detection of a writing-surface-mode-change condition, the writing-surface mode-
5 change condition comprising the step of establishing the call, wherein a user of the mobile
6 station has access to the writing surface while involved in the call.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the writing-surface-mode-change condition further
2 comprises activating a writing-surface-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising providing the screen in a display mode in
2 response to activation of a display-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 7. The method of claim 3, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch screen
2 functions.

1 8 The method of claim 3, wherein the display-mode user input and the writing-surface-
2 mode user input are identical.

1 9. The method of claim 3, wherein the display-mode user input and the writing-surface-
2 mode user input are not identical.

1 10. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 writing information on the writing surface;
3 storing the information;
4 terminating the call;
5 activating a display-mode user input of the mobile station;
6 in response to the step of activating the display-mode user input, exiting the writing-
7 surface mode.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 13. The method of claim 10, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 14. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 terminating the call; and
3 in response to termination of the call, providing at least a portion of the screen in a display mode.

1 15. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 transmitting information written on the writing surface of the mobile station to a second
3 mobile station; and
4 wherein the call comprises a call involving the mobile station and the second mobile
5 station.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising providing the screen of the mobile station in
2 a display mode in response to activation of a display-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 20. The method of claim 16, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch screen
2 functions.

1 21. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 terminating the call; and
3 in response to termination of the call, providing the screen of the mobile station in a
4 display mode.

1 22. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 providing the screen of the mobile station in a display mode in response to establishing
3 the call;
4 wherein the call comprises a call involving the mobile station and a second mobile
5 station; and
6 transmitting information written on the writing surface of the mobile station to the second
7 mobile station.

1 23. The method of claim 22, further comprising providing the screen of the mobile station in
2 a display mode in response to activation of a display-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 24. The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 25. The method of claim 24, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 26. The method of claim 23, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch screen
2 functions.

1 27. The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 28. The method of claim 22, further comprising:
2 terminating the call; and
3 in response to termination of the call, providing the screen of the mobile station in a
4 display mode.

1 29. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 terminating the call; and
3 in response to termination of the call, providing at least a portion of the screen in a
4 display mode.

1 30. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 writing information on the writing surface;
3 storing the information;
4 terminating the call;
5 activating a display-mode user input of the mobile station;
6 in response to the step of activating the display-mode user input, exiting the writing-
7 surface mode.

1 31. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 32. The method of claim 31, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 33. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 34. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the screen in a display mode in
2 response to activation of a display-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 35. The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a soft button.

1 36. The method of claim 35, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen and the soft button
2 comprises a portion of the touch screen.

1 37. The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of the display-mode user input and the
2 writing-surface-mode user input comprises a hard button.

1 38. The method of claim 34, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch screen
2 functions.

1 39. The method of claim 34, wherein the display-mode user input and the writing-surface-
2 mode user input are identical.

1 40. The method of claim 34, wherein the display-mode user input and the writing-surface-
2 mode user input are not identical.

1 41. A mobile station comprising:
2 a screen adapted to operate in a writing-surface mode and a display mode; and
3 a control unit adapted to provide at least a portion of the screen in the writing-surface
4 mode in response to detection of a writing-surface-mode-change condition, the writing-surface-
5 mode-change condition comprising establishment of a call involving the mobile station.

1 42. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the writing-surface-mode-change condition
2 further comprises activation of a writing-surface-mode user input of the mobile station.

1 43. The mobile station of claim 42, wherein the control unit provides at least a portion of the
2 screen in the writing-surface mode in response to a user of the mobile station activating a
3 writing-surface mode user input of the mobile station.

1 44. The mobile station of claim 43, wherein the writing-surface-mode user input comprises a
2 hard button.

1 45. The mobile station of claim 43, wherein the writing-surface-mode user input comprises a
2 soft button.

1 46. The mobile station of claim 43, wherein the writing-surface-mode user input comprises a
2 flip feature.

1 47. The mobile station of claim 42, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen.

1 48. The mobile station of claim 47, wherein the touch screen comprises a soft button.

1 49. The mobile station of claim 42, wherein the screen is provided in the display mode in
2 response to termination of the call.

1 50. The mobile station of claim 42, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch
2 screen functions.

1 51. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the screen comprises a touch screen.

1 52. The mobile station of claim 51, wherein the touch screen comprises a soft button.

1 53. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the control unit provides at least a portion of the
2 screen in the writing-surface mode in response to detection of an outgoing call involving the
3 mobile station.

1 54. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the display mode is adapted to include touch
2 screen functions.

1 55. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the screen is provided in the display mode in
2 response to termination of the call.

1 56. The mobile station of claim 41, wherein the control unit provides at least a portion of the
2 screen in the writing-surface mode in response to detection of an incoming call involving the
3 mobile station.